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The Honorable William H. Webster
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence dated 4 September 1984, in which you request this Agency's assistance in developing information relative to the whereabouts of [redacted] in connection with his international narcotics activities. You specifically request that we forward such information to the attention of the Fugitive/General Government Crimes Unit, FBI Headquarters.

As you know, section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 403(d), provides that "the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers, or internal security functions." The Department of Justice has advised, in response to specific questions put to them regarding our authority to collect information on [redacted], that: "...this law enforcement proviso would bar CIA... from pursuing fugitives abroad as a general matter, i.e., outside the course of lawful intelligence investigations." Therefore, please understand that this Agency will not engage in the collection or any other activities, the purpose of which would be to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of [redacted]

On the other hand, CIA will continue to collect and disseminate information concerning international narcotics activities. If, of course, in the pursuit of these activities, we incidentally acquire information on [redacted] we would pass that information to the FBI to the extent permitted under Executive Order 12333. Please be assured that all intelligence so collected will be appropriately disseminated.

Sincerely,

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John N. McMahon

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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14 JUL 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Assistance in Obtaining Foreign Intelligence
Concerning Narcotics Activities in the Bahamas

REFERENCE: Memo to DCI (Attn: DDO) from Asst. Director,
Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Subj.:
[redacted] 8 July 83

1. In referenced memorandum, the FBI requested our assistance in the collection outside the United States of foreign intelligence concerning international narcotics matters. I was advised that, although you were not in Washington at the time, this request was approved by you. This memorandum confirms my previous approval of the requested assistance.

2. As I understand the underlying facts, the FBI is essentially concerned with activities that are presently taking place in [redacted] that is believed to be used as a focal point for narcotics trafficking to the United States. The FBI is aware of a number of persons believed to be the key persons involved in the narcotics operations, including [redacted]. The FBI is interested in obtaining foreign intelligence concerning the narcotics activities taking place on the island and with respect to movements to and from the island.

3. I am advised by my General Counsel that the requested assistance, involving as it does the acquisition of foreign intelligence particularly as it relates to narcotics activities is consistent with Section 2.6 of Executive Order 12333 and the National Security Act of 1947. We have consulted with the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review at the Department of Justice which concurred in our view that we could legally provide the requested assistance.

/S/ John N. McMahon

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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